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TO: PETER RODMAN FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

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FROM: KATHLEEN TROIA

SUBJECT: EVENING NEWS

ABC DEVOTED SEVEN MINUTES TO NIXON ARRIVAL IN CAIRO - THE LARGEST AND MOST TUMULTUOUS GREETING EVER GIVEN A US PRESIDENT - AND SHOWED EXTENSIVE CUTS OF ARRIVAL CEREMONY, MOTORCADE JAMMED WITH CHEERING CROWDS, AND DINNER, HAK WAS IN "LOW PROFILE" AND SAT OFF TO THE SIDE IN PHOTO TAKING. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY WHETHER PRESIDENT WAS ANGRY AT HAK, ABC CITED NH STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT WAS NOT ANGRY AND DOES NOT DIRECT WHAT COMES UP

ON THESE TRIPS, ABC NOTED HAK AND PRESIDENT CONFERRED ON FLIGHT

TO CAIRO BUT DIDN'T KNOW IF THEY DISCUSSED THREATENED RESIGNATION. ABC COVERED CONTINUED HILL REACTION TO HAK THREAT. JAMES ALLEN INTRODUCED BI-PARTISAN SENATE RESOLUTION PRAISING INTEGRITY AND TRUTHFULNESS OF HAK, IN FOUR MINUTE SECTION ABC COVERED JUDICIARY COMMITTEE LEAKS, INCLUDING DIXON REPORT ON HAK DISCREPANCIES IN TESTIMONY, RODINO SAID LEAKS ARE UNFORTUNATE BUT HIS COMMITTEE WON'T BE DIVERTED BY ATTACKS. HOWARD K. SMITH DISAGREED WITH AIKEN AND OTHERS WHO CHARGE THAT HAK WAS SILLY OR WRONG. HE CLAIMS IT'S A GOOD THING TO GET IT OFF HIS CHEST. WHO INITIATED THE TAPS IN TRIVIAL

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SEMANTICS, THE TAPS WERE JUSTIFIED AND IF HAK HAD SAID THAT FROM THE START THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM TODAY, A BLUNT UNAMBIGUOUS CANDOR IS AN OFFICIAL'S BEST FRIEND.

NBC AND CBS EACH GAVE SIX MINUTES TO ARRIVAL, MOTORCADE AND DINNER, WITH EXTENSIVE CUTS. NCS SAID HAK THREAT WAS FAR IN BACKGROUND, THE PROTOCOL WAS CORRECT AND PROPER FOR THE VISIT. BOTH CBS AND NBC GAVE 3 MINUTES TO HILL REACTIONS AND BI-PARTISAN SENATE RESOLUTION PRAISING HAK. CASE SAID ESSENCE OF NEW SPRC INVESTIGATION IS WHETHER HAK TOLD THE TRUTH. SCOTT SAID THIS RECKLESS LEAKING HAS GONE TOO FAR AND GOLDWATER COMMENTED THAT LEAKS ARE THE ISSUE, NOT WHETHER HAK LIED TO THE COMMITTEE. BRINKLEY COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT HAD GOTTEN A REMARKABLE RECEPTION IN CAIRO; HOWEVER AMERICANS SHOULD REMEMBER THREE OUT OF FOUR AMERICANS DO NOT TRUST PRESIDENT, HALF WHITE HOUSE STAFF IS INDICTED, AND THE SERIOUS QUESTIONS RAISED AT HOME.

ON CBS CHRONKITE CLAIMED IT WAS REFRESHING AND GOOD TO HEAR CRIES FOR AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT AS A PEACEMAKER, EVEN IF THIS EXCITEMENT IS CONTRIVED TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE TROUBLES AT HOME. MARVIN KALB GAVE A BACK-GROUNDER ON HAK TESTIMONY AND SAID THIS REVEALS SEMANTIC PROBLEMS WITH HAK'S TESTIMONY BUT IS NOT PERJURY. SEVEREID COMMENTED ON WORLD INFLATION.

WARM REGARDS.

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